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A FROMIDABLE ARGUMENT
By Ralph Koringold
What is the most formidable
argument in the whole range of
Socialist philosophy?
There are many formidable
arguments; but there is one which
the opponents of Socialism can
not even make a blurt at answering.

It is the argument about the
inevitability of Socialism.
Most Socialists are acquainted
with this argument.
Of course, every one knows
that the worker produces a surplus
over and above the amount
of his wages.

With its wages the working
class is therefore able to buy
back only a part of its products.
The capitalist class, being a
small class, can not possibly consume
the remainder, or use it all
up in riotous living, and must,
therefore find a foreign market
for it.

Now the foreign markets of the
world are limited; in fact have
almost disappeared. Most other
nations, instead of being markets,
are themselves looking for markets,
having conditions identical
with those we have in the United
States.

Japan, which used to be a very
profitable market, has practically
ceased to be one. China is being
rapidly "modernized," and will
soon supply its own wants, and
perhaps be looking for a market
itself.

Now, if every nation wants to
sell and no nation wants to buy—
because those who want to buy
CAN NOT buy—there will be a
universal stagnation of industry,
that is STARVATION.

Whereupon the nations will be
able to make their choice between
STARVATION OR SOCIAL
IZATION, that is SOCIALISM.

This is the argument concisely
stated. There is no loophole in
this argument. The opponents
of Socialism can not get over it or
around it. He must face it. AND
HE IS FACING A STONE WALL.
Herbert Spencer recognized the
force of this argument, and declared
Socialism to be inevitable.
John Stuart Mills recognized the
force of this argument, and it made
him a convert to Socialism.

AND AS LONG AS THIS ARGUMENT
REMAINS UNCHALLENGED SOCIALISM
REMAINS UNCHALLENGED.
It is quite useless for an opponent
of Socialism to try to "annihilate"
Socialism by showing that it will
destroy the home, the church, incentive
or individuality, as long as he is unable
to disprove the argument of the
inevitability of Socialism.

For, if Socialism is inevitable,
we may consider it a great pity
if it will do any of these things.
BUT IT DOES NOT BECOME
ANY LESS INEVITABLE ON
THAT ACCOUNT.

Supposing an astronomer were
to prove with mathematical accuracy
that San Francisco was going
to have another earthquake, would
you try to disprove his statement
by demonstrating that an earthquake
was impossible BECAUSE IT WOULD
DESTROY THE HOMES AND
CHURCHES IN SAN FRANCISCO?
Socialism will come because the
human race may consent to
starve for awhile and to a certain
degree, BUT IT WILL NOT
CONSENT TO STARVE PERPETUALLY
AND TO A DEGREE HITHERTO
UNKNOWN.

If the coming of Socialism will
destroy the home, the church,
individuality and incentive, why,
then so much the worse for the
home, the church, individuality
and incentive.

A farmer rushed up to the home
of a country doctor in the village
late one night and besought him
to come at once to a distant
farmhouse.

The medicine man hitched up his
horse and they drove furiously to
the farmer's home. Upon their
arrival the farmer said:
"How much is your fee, Doc?"

"Three dollars," said the physician
in surprise.
"Here yare," said the farmer,
handing over the money. The
blamed liverman wanted five
dollars to drive me home."

"How PAT GOT EVEN"
Pat was over in England working
with his coat off. There were
two Englishmen laboring on the
same railroad, so they decided to
have a joke with the Irishman.
They painted a donkey's head on
the back of Pat's coat, and watched
to see him put it on. Pat, of
course, saw the donkey's head on
his coat, and, turning to the Englishmen,
said, "Whin of yez wiped
yer face on me coat?"—Lippincott.

HOW TO TEACH A DOG
A physician was driving thru a
village when he saw a man amusing
a crowd with the antics of his
trick dog. The doctor pulled
up and said: "My dear man,
how do you manage to train your
dog that way?" I can't teach
mine a single trick."

The man glanced up with a simple
rustic look and replied:
"Well, you see, it this way; you
have to know more'n the dog or
you can't learn him anything."

He—Don't you think, now, that
the woman of today in her endeavor
to imitate men is acting like an idiot?
She—What of it? Don't you
think the imitation is successful?

CORRECTION
Editor Kicker.—In your issue of
this week you make the statement
that Garrison published a paper
at Alton, Ill., and was killed
and his press destroyed by a mob.
You are mistaken. That was
Loveloy. Garrison, I think, published
a paper in America in the east and
was mobbed in Boston, but not
killed. I think he died a natural
death. Respectfully,
J. H. BRADLEY,
Blodgett, Mo. Nov. 12.

The Kicker stands corrected,
and the fact that the correction
comes from the farm is a healthy
sign. I doubt if any man in public
office in Scott county would have
detected the error or that they
knew in what period either Garrison
or Loveloy lived.

It was in 1831 that Wm. Lloyd
Garrison began the publication of
The Liberator in Boston with this
announcement: "A greater revolution
in public sentiment is to be effected
in the Free States, particularly
in New England, than in the South.
Let Southern oppressors tremble; let
Northern sympathizers tremble. On this
subject I do not wish to speak or
write with moderation."

The subject referred to was
chattel slavery. And it is needless
to say that Mr. Garrison suffered
all the persecution that a ruling
class can inflict. History tells us
of the early abolitionists: "Men
pointed at them as if they were
crazy or wicked, considering them
as enemies of the social order and
of established institutions. Mobs
broke up their meetings and
lootingly handled their leaders. The
Georgia legislature offered \$5,000
reward for the arrest and conviction
of the editor of the Liberator."

Some state legislatures and even
members of congress tried to suppress
"incendiary publications" by law.
But Garrison fled to sea
everywhere he went and he ceased
the publication of his paper in 1865.

Now the greatest honors were
bestowed upon him and he was
the recipient of a donation of
\$300,000 in 1868 to keep him in
comfort in his old age. The
"law" had changed. He died in
1879, aged 74 years.

Rev. Elijah Lovejoy was a
young New England clergyman
who became editor of The Observer,
published at St. Louis. At
that time, 1836 it was very un-
popular to oppose the established
order based on slavery, and free
speech was all but suppressed.
To be in a "free" state Lovejoy
moved his paper to Alton, Ill., and
in his announcement said, "So
long as I am an American citizen,
so long as American blood runs in
these veins, I shall hold myself at
liberty to speak, to write and to
publish whatever I please on any
subject, being amenable to the
laws of my country for the same."

Here, also, the ruling class showed
their love of law and order.
His house was stoned and his
printing presses were destroyed.
And, finally, while defending a
new press by force of arms with a
few friends, he was shot at mid-
night, Nov. 7, 1837. History re-
lates that such was the state of
feeling at the time that a meeting
to express horror at this murder
was held with difficulty.

Today a huge monument may be
seen at Alton erected to the memory
of Mr. Lovejoy by the descendants
of his murderers.

SECOND COTTON BELT
STRIKE VOTE TAKEN
Wednesday's Globe-Democrat.
W. C. Turner of the Order of
Railway Conductors told a reporter
of the Globe-Democrat at the
St. James Hotel yesterday that a
second referendum vote of trainmen
is being taken to determine
whether they shall call a strike
of employees of the Cotton Belt
Railroad in the event a discharged
conductor is not reinstated.

"We thought it would be best
to take another vote," said Turner.
"At the first vote the members
were in favor of calling a
strike on the Cotton Belt, but an
injunction prevented us carrying
out the strike vote."

"Judge Chambers of the United
States Board of Arbitration was
in St. Louis today and I had a
talk with him. Nothing was decided
on."

Turner said it would require ten
days for the vote to be cast and
counted.

ANNUAL REPORT.
The annual meeting of the Farmers'
Mutual Insurance Society was
held at Oran, Nov. 7, and
Treasurer John Enderle has just
sent in a report to the Kicker.
Dennis Diebold was re-elected as
president of the chief committee
and John Blattl as chief of the
assistant committee.

The farmers believe in keeping
things straight and Nick Dannen-
mueller, F. A. Hayden and Anton
Legrand were selected to audit
the books of the society.

During the year there were four
losses by fire, three by lightning
and one by storm, aggregating a
total loss of \$765.

The members number 516 and
the total amount of insurance
carried is \$670,375.

Amount collected for the year,
\$2,271.53. Losses and expenses,
\$1,207.53. Balance, \$1,064.03.

HE FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS
His relatives telephoned to the
nearest florist. The ribbon
must be extra wide, with "Rest in
Peace" on both sides, and if there
is room, "We Shall Meet in Heaven."

The florist was away and his
new assistant handled the job.
There was a sensation when the
flowers turned up at the funeral.
The ribbon was extra wide, in-
deed, and on it was the inscription:

"Rest in peace on both sides
and, if there is room, we shall
meet in heaven."

HERE AND YONDER.
It is reported that Oran is to
have a third saloon. C. C. Free-
man of Sikeston is the promoter
and the location will be in the
Banks store building. A brick
partition will be run through the
building near the center and the
saloon will occupy the east por-
tion while Mr. Banks will continue
to sell "sheep killings" in the
remainder. It is claimed the re-
quired number of petitioners
have been secured.

Uncle Sam Worley met with a
very serious misfortune Saturday
in the loss of one of his teams.
The team was engaged in hauling
gravel with John Freund as driver.
The team was driven into the
gravel pit and the driver had
alighted from the wagon to get a
drink, when the pit caved in,
crushing both animals to death.
Being a poor man, the loss to Mr.
Worley is very great.

A Commerce subscriber writes:
"Wm. Rockefeller is not the only
important person who is afflicted
with throat trouble. I have
heard a Democrat in Commerce
speak above a whisper since the
election."

Arch-Bishop Glennon of Saint
Louis was here Friday to confirm
the class at the Catholic parish
here. Sunday he took part in the
dedication of the new hospital at
Cape Girardeau.

Zollie Glenn, publisher of the
Oran Tribune, passed through
here Saturday on his way to Ed.
Chewings to get his wife, who
was "sitting" there.

John S. of New Hamburg
was here Saturday telling of a
turkey shooting and playing at
his place Monday and Thursday
of next week.

Frank Grasser of Illinois was in
Benton Monday and spent about
an hour curling with the editor.
He recently lost a child by death.

Wm. Finley, a former resident
of the county, is down from St.
Louis visiting relatives and was
in Benton Monday.

Mrs. J. N. Wolsey of Cape Girar-
deau came down Saturday to visit
Mrs. Chas. Harris, returning
Monday.

Wm. Spann of Vanduser was
here Monday. He is in his 70th
year and as "pert" as a spring
colt.

J. A. Thompson and young Rob-
erts of Brooks Junction were
Kicker callers Monday.

J. D. Nickols and Squire Butler
of Diehlstadt were Kicker callers
Friday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Jos. Mier and wife and Miss
Cora Legrand, Jacob and George
Stein and their families, Joe Hess
and wife and Mrs. Peter Acker
all of Oran attended the confirma-
tion exercises here last Friday.

There will be a turkey shooting
and playing match here at the
south end saloon Thanksgiving
day. There will be plenty of tur-
keys to kill all day, so come early
and be with the crowd. Also
next Monday.

Lawrence Bucher and sons,
Mike, Cletus and Jos. and daugh-
ter Miss Clara, left last Saturday
for Poplar Bluff to spend a week
with his son John of that place.

There was a dance at Otto West-
rich's Monday night, one at An-
derson's Tuesday night, Thursday
night. Plenty of dances before
Advent.

Prof. and Ennis Shy, of Benton
and Mr. Poggenmeyer the depot
agent took a stroll over here
Sunday morning to see our town.

Frank Schoen, who was here on
a two months visit with his
mother, Mrs. Rosa Schoen, returned
to Texarkana Thursday.

The W. O. W. will give a Pro-
gressive Euchre party at A. L.
Hahn's hall Sunday Nov. 22 and
want every body to come.

There was a dance at Otto West-
rich's Monday night and one at
Anton Hahn's hall Tuesday night.
The neighbors say the only way
to get a hustle on Charlie Die-
bold is to set the woods on fire.

Leo Schlitt and family of Ran-
dales spent Sunday with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schlitt.

Louis Unnerstall and wife and
Miss Lula Dumey of Sals Creek
attended church here Sunday.

Louis Legrand and wife visited
their son, Frank, at Bleda Satur-
day and Sunday.

Philip Bucher took his uncle,
Const. Grojean, over to Blomeyer
last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Grojean and
Leo Blattl autoed to Cape Girar-
deau Sunday.

The little son of Albert
Schwartz is very low with pneu-
monia.

While splitting wood Monday
Sol Diebold severely cut his foot.
Raymond Meiderhoff is suffering
with a fella on his finger.

Then and Jacob Diebold were
Oran visitors last Sunday.

A large force of men and teams
are at work excavating a drain-
age canal on the south side of
the tracks to carry the water to
the creek south of town.

A. R. Moore, father of E. H. and
O. W. Moore, died Monday aged
71 years. He was born in Australia,
came to America as a boy and
moved from Illinois to Forneft
four years ago.

J. B. Moore has traded his resi-
dence for the Brenneisen farm
north of Illinois and will make some
wine for home consumption. There
are several acres of grapes on the
place.

Charley Blaes has been appoint-
ed station agent here, and Alvin
Schlueter will work in the office
of the Cotton Belt at Illinois.

Miss Pauline Rubel, who is teach-
ing school in Jefferson county,
spent part of last week with her
parents here.

A jolly crowd attended a play
party at Albert Schuette's place
north of town Saturday night.

A bouncing baby daughter ar-
rived at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Alvin Schlueter Sunday night.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.
John Logel Sunday. And John
now winks the other eye.

Mrs. N. R. Seim will move her
business into the Wellputz build-
ing soon.

The little daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Albert Losse has pneumonia.

FROM COMMERCE
Three men came up from the
government boat Sunday and on
their return the wind was so high
that their boat was upset and all
were dumped into the river, but
got ashore after considerable
struggle.

There was a cutting affray
among negro women Saturday
night. One had to have five
stitches taken to sew her up.

The Fayetteville, Ill., Ladies will
give a supper Nov. 24 to aid in
building a church and invite Com-
merce people to attend.

Mrs. Susan Matthews has re-
turned from an extended visit to
St. Genevieve.

Mrs. Myrtle Ervin and children
returned last week from White-
water.

The meeting at the Methodist
church closed Sunday with 37 ad-
ditions.

The Misses Jessie and Hattie El-
lis of Morley were here last week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Anderson
have returned from Memphis.

Mrs. R. L. Buck visited relatives
here part of last week.
Wm. Finley of St. Louis is vis-
iting old friends here.

All indications point to a very
hard winter for the working class
—the class that produces all.

Read the Unmuzzied Kicker and get it Straight.

FROM CANHAM
Mrs. Anna Ansell, teacher of
District 18, gave a box supper to
raise money for the purchase of
an organ for the school, and there
was a large attendance. Twenty-
eight boxes were sold and
brought \$25.15. Lemonade \$3.25
and a cake voted to the prettiest
girl brought \$16.75. Miss Adel
Herzog took the cake with 825
votes, with Miss Ethel Evans of
Cape Girardeau a close second
with 790 votes. Grand total
\$44.55. The teacher is very
proud of her success and is now
ready to buy an organ.

Road work is active in our dis-
trict. The road is being graded
and graveled in two places with
about 20 teams. Mr. Canham is
on the river and Mr. Beardslee
on the back river road, and Mr. Bles
is superintending the graveled.
A special election has been called
for the purpose of raising money
to pay for necessary improve-
ments and supplies for the school.
The election is to be held Nov. 25.

The Canham school house has
been enlarged and recovered, a
coal shed built, some new seats
installed and otherwise improved
at a cost of about \$300.

Mrs. J. C. Walker, who has been
sick for some time, will be taken
to Cairo for treatment as soon
as she is able to be removed.

James Graham of Illinois, a
congressman, was a visitor among
us. He is the man that bought
the Dr. Porterfield place.

We have Sunday school every
Sunday at 2 o'clock which is well
attended.

A very large acreage was sown
to wheat and the prospect ap-
pears fine.

Stick to the unmuzzied Kicker.

J. FRANK GRANT.
LIVERY AND FEED STABLE
VANDUSER MO.
Rigs furnished at all times for
drives into any part of county.

FROM MORLEY.
Charley Lafleur, who has been
at Shaw, Miss., for the past few
months returned Saturday.

Rev. Dorrie left Monday for
Point Pleasant, where he will
help in a meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowls of Benton
visited with Marion Lynn Satur-
day and Sunday.

Miss Thelma Vanduser, of Van-

duser, is visiting her sister, Mrs.
Tom Chaney.
Mrs. Eliza Clark visited relatives
at Morehouse from Friday until
Sunday.

Henry Frobaese of Benton was
here visiting his mother Sunday.

Mrs. L. C. Dorris left Monday to
visit her parents at Senath.

Miss Flora Cox is visiting rela-
tives at Townley.

Miss Thelma Elmore is sick.

FROM HICKORY GROVE
Mrs. John Thompson and daugh-
ter of Brooks Junction and Lee
Morrow and family of Unity vis-
ited Mrs. John Beckman Sunday.

Mrs. John Cox and Miss Fannie
Richerson of Blodgett visited Mrs.
P. A. Smith last week.

Miss Laura Smith visited Mrs.
Sadie Graham near Blodgett a
few days last week.

Mrs. Tom Moneley of near Ben-
ton visited Mrs. J. E. Morrow Sun-
day.

Geo. Shows and wife of Wards
Switch attended church here Sun-
day.

Roy Kneezell and family were
visitors in this vicinity last week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and
Mrs. James Foster Sunday.

J. B. Smith lost a fine colt last
week, it died with lock jaw.

Several from Unity attended
church here Sunday.

Murry Powell was at Sikeston
last week.

FROM REDMAN
Theo. Schapan spent the last of
the week with his brother, A. E.
Schapan, of Cape Girardeau.

Miss Pearl Fullerton and Mrs.
A. H. Adams spent Saturday and
Sunday at Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills spent
Sunday at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Sam Davis.

Omer Clark and wife visited at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Loftin Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Loftin spent the week
end at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Hy Loftin.

The Misses Anna and Rosa Haw-
kins Sunday with Miss Edith
Hornback.

Henry Hamon visited his par-
ents, of Buckeye Saturday and
Sunday.

Miss Zula Pillard visited Miss
Josie Spradlin Sunday.

Miss Fannie Loftin spent Sun-
day at the Cape.

Ed. Morgan spent Saturday and
Sunday in the Cape.

STRAYED OR STOLEN
A large dark Jersey cow with
white spot in forehead, tip of
right horn broken off, bush of
tail white and white hind feet.
Reward for information, J. D.
Burris, Ansell Mo. 44-21.

TAKEN UP.
A dark iron-gray horse, coming
3 years old, came to my place one
mile east of Rockview, Nov. 13.
He has been out on left fore leg
and scar on right hind leg. S. J.
Jones, Rockview, Mo. 44-17

TURKEY SHOOTING
At my place Saturday afternoon
November 21. Twenty-five or
thirty turkeys to be disposed of.
T. J. DITTERLINE.

TURKEY SHOOTING
At my home on Dr. Haw's place
Saturday morning November 21.
Come. DOSS ELLIS

The Mexican situation is in a
fearful tangle, as is the situa-
tion in Europe. "Civilization."

SAYINGS OF LINCOLN.
Away back in 1847 Abraham
Lincoln uttered the following
revolutionary language:

"In the early days of our race
the Almighty said to the first of
our race, 'In the sweat of thy
face shalt thou eat bread.' And
since then, if we except the light
and air of heaven, no good thing
has been or can be enjoyed by us
without having first cost labor."

"And in as much as most good
things are produced by labor, it
follows that all such things, of
right, belong to those WHOSE
LABOR PRODUCED THEM."

"But it so happened, in the ages
of the world, that some have labored
and others have, without labor,
enjoyed a large portion of the
fruits."

"This is wrong and should not
continue. To secure each laborer
the WHOLE PRODUCT OF HIS
LABOR, or as nearly as possible,
is a worthy object of any good
government—See Lincoln's Com-
plete Works, Nicolay & Hay, vol.
1, p. 92."

Isn't it odd that away back in
1847, at about the time Marx
and Engels were printing the
Manifesto, Abraham Lincoln, an
unknown and self-educated law-
yer in swampy Illinois got hold
of this central concept of Social-
ism?

Isn't it strange that the grand
old party, which always parades
the NAME of Lincoln and rarely
quotes the LANGUAGE of Lin-
coln, has given no attention to
this, the greatest thought of
Lincoln—THE RIGHT OF LABOR
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